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[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE—DISCUSSION *re*

* SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" On a point of order, Sir. You were pleased to say that some more questions were ready to be answered. You are the custodian of the rights and privileges of Members of this House. More than once, the Hon. the Chief Minister himself has said that the question hour is very important and very useful because it affords an occasion for hon. Members to be active also. Nobody doubts the capacity of the hon. Speaker to put sufficient number of questions to cover a period of one hour and as such, I would like to know why only such a small number of questions has been put down for the day."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have got thirty more questions ready to be answered. But I am under the impression that we may sit till Sunday. It is for this reason that I thought that I could distribute them equally on all days—to-day, to-morrow and the day after."

* SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Now that you have said ' till Sunday ' I would like to know, Sir, how long the present sitting will last because Pongal is fast approaching and we would like to leave Madras shortly."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" That is why I am hustling everybody."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" பருளோகர் கமிட்டியின் அறிக்கை ஒரு நாள் இந்த சபையில் விவாதத்திற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படும் என்று சொல்லப்பட்டது. ஆனால் நிகழ்ச்சி நிரலைப்பார்த்தால் ஏமாற்றம் அடைவதாக இருக்குமோ என்று பயம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. பருலோகர் கமிட்டியின் அறிக்கை எப்பொழுது விவாதத்திற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படும் ?"

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not ' Paraloga Committee '. (Laughter.) Before I place the report before the House for discussion, it will have to be fully examined by the Department as I must give to the House full information about its implications, both financial and otherwise. Unfortunately, in spite of my trying my best to hurry with its examination and scrutiny, it has not been possible to get it completed in time. That is why I am afraid it may not be possible to place it before the House in this sitting. But my promise still stands that the Report will be placed before the House for discussion and that will be when we meet next."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Regarding the present sitting, I would like to know whether we will sit on Sunday."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It depends on whether we will finish consideration of the Malabar Tenancy Bill quickly. If it is over to-day, we can sit to-morrow for non-official business. Otherwise I am proposing that we may have afternoon sessions to-day and to-morrow so that it would be possible for us to finish voting on the Bill and disperse to-morrow itself. I hope

hon. Members will co-operate and if only they co-operate, as the Hon. the Chief Minister said in his appeal to hon. Members, it would be possible for us to disperse to-morrow evening."

* SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, the Leader of the House is trying to encroach upon our rights. We are taken by surprise in so many other matters. We are coming from the mufassal and we are already suffering from several handicaps. Even people residing in the hostel have their own inconveniences to suffer. We must know the business of the House beforehand so that we can adjust our other engagements. If the Leader of the House decides to have afternoon sessions, it will be a great hardship on us and will interfere with our other engagements. To suit the morning session, we have put off all our other engagements for the afternoon."

* THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The Legislature must be treated as the first charge on the Member's time."

* SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Yes. The House Committee has made several recommendations and the Government do not care for its proposals. They do not at all look into them so that the House Committee can be said to be not functioning at all. Taking my own case, I have not been able to get hot water for the last three days. Even a peon is not available in the hostel. With all these inconveniences, we have been putting up and here comes another suggestion to inconvenience us more. It is not fair to take us by surprise. We must know beforehand what the Government intend to do so that we may arrange our other engagements accordingly."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am really sorry that so much inconvenience has been caused to hon. Members residing in the hostel. This has not been brought to my notice at any time. I will look into it and I agree that all conveniences should be provided to Members. I shall certainly look into the matter and if there is anything wrong I shall try to set it right.

9-40 a.m. " With regard to the complaint against sitting in the afternoons, let me say I am not myself feeling happy over it. As far as I am concerned I would like to be free in the afternoons. It is not our wish to deprive Members of the opportunity of witnessing the cricket match which has commenced to-day."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" As a matter of fact, I do not know how to play cricket nor I am interested in it."

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Apart from that, we want to finish the sitting as early as possible. If we do not have afternoon sittings, we will have to sit on the 11th and 12th. But many hon. Members have definitely stated that that would cause them very great hardship inasmuch as Pongal is coming immediately afterwards. Let me tell the House that I am fully aware of the inconvenience caused to Members due to afternoon sittings. But we have to finish the business on hand. So I would

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request hon. Members to co-operate with us without minding the inconvenience caused, so that we may finish our business as early as possible."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" No, I shall now take up the next item in the Agenda."

III.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE SOUTH KANARA CULTIVATING TENANTS PROTECTION BILL, [a] 1954.

* SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to introduce the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection Bill, 1954, and move—

' *That the Bill be taken into consideration at once.*'

" Sir, for the past several months, Government have been receiving representations that the landlords in South Kanara district have been evicting cultivating tenants on an increasing scale and that the relationship between the landlords and tenants are tending to become strained. Hon. Members from South Kanara sitting behind me have also been urging the Government to take immediate action in this regard. Government have reason to believe that such evictions are being resorted to in anticipation of the fear that the Government may introduce land reforms in South Kanara. Government are of the opinion that pending comprehensive legislation the situation in South Kanara calls for immediate protective legislation so that cultivating tenants may not be needlessly disturbed. This Bill accordingly seeks to provide that, subject to payment of current rent, no cultivating tenant in South Kanara district shall be evicted from his holding for a period of one year from the date on which it comes into force. The Bill will not apply to the 33 villages of Kasargod taluk to which the Malabar Tenancy Act, 1929, applies, as conditions there are different and sufficient protection against eviction already exists there. I request the House to give permission for moving this motion of mine."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

' That the South Kanara Cultivating Tenants Protection Bill, 1954, be taken into consideration at once.' "

* SRI L. C. PAIS :—" Mr. Speaker, this Government and especially the Hon. Chief Minister deserve to be congratulated on the manner in which they have been trying to help the cultivating tenants of South Kanara, and on their having brought forward this legislation at the opportune moment. This House may be aware that there are three classes of tenants in South Kanara. In the first place, we have what is known as the ' Mulgeni ' or the ' permanent ' class of tenants. These tenants do not require any help

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